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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A prefilled syringe comprising:
a shoulder portion provided with a luer tip arranged to be
connected to an injection needle at a tip thereof; a barrel closed
by the shoulder portion and having an open proximal end; and a
gasket inserted adjacent to the open proximal end of the barrel in
a fluid-tight manner while being freely slidable, a medication
being contained inside the barrel, wherein

the barrel has a multilayer structure in which an innermost
layer and an outermost layer are both made of a polyolefin resin,
and an intermediate layer is sandwiched by the innermost layer and
the outermost layer and is composed of at least one layer made of
a resin excelling in a barrier property,

and further wherein the intermediate layer is formed up to a
vicinity of a surface of the tip of the luer tip, and is not formed
in a direction of the proximal end of the barrel from a proximal
end of an initial insertion position of the gasket inserted in the
barrel.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) A prefilled syringe comprising:
a shoulder portion provided with a luer tip arranged to be
connected to an injection needle at a tip thereof; a barrel closed
by the shoulder portion and having an open proximal end; and a
gasket inserted adjacent to the open proximal end of the barrel in
a fluid-tight manner while being freely slidable, a medication
being contained inside the barrel, wherein

the barrel has a multilayer structure in which an innermost
layer and an outermost layer are both made of a polyolefin resin,
and an intermediate layer is sandwiched by the innermost layer and
the outermost layer and is composed of at least one layer made of
a resin excelling in a barrier property,

and further wherein:

an end of the intermediate layer in a cylindrical wall portion
of the barrel is formed up to a rim of the shoulder portion;

the shoulder portion formed with the polyolefin resin has a
thickness sufficient to exert a barrier property; and

the luer tip is sealed by a cap having a barrier property.

4 - 8. (canceled)